

Holgate TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING – December 9, 2017

ATTENDEES Dan Macone, Marianne Hurley, Frank Lowry, Eileen Bowker, Bill Hutson, Bob White, Frank Benintendo

CALL IN Tom Beaty, Bill Cannon, Yanni Kaloudis, Rand Pearsall

ABSENT Ted Stiles

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Dan Macone. A quorum was established. The HTAT - contact list was updated and will be sent with minutes. Eileen Bowker made a motion that the minutes of the April 8, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Marianne Hurley and unanimously approved. Eileen Bowker made a motion that the minutes of the July 29, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Marianne Hurley and unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Trustees is anticipated to be on Saturday, April 7, 2018 and the spring general membership meeting on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

“Welcome to Holgate” SIGN REHABILITATION PROPOSAL

Denise and Brian Tierney made a presentation about improving the impact and visibility of the “Welcome to Holgate” sign. They presented several options that included lighting and a discussion of the plantings that could be included. Also discussed was the importance of checking with Lorrie Jelich Kane and Carol Jelich about the project, as each of them worked on maintaining the current sign landscaping and the design of the sign respectively. The sign is on Ocean County property and Bill Hutson will talk to the Township about our intention. Eileen Bowker made a motion to form a committee to work on developing the design. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutson and defeated 10-1 (For: Tom Beaty, Against: Dan Macone, Marianne Hurley, Frank Lowry, Eileen Bowker, Bill Hutson, Bob White, Frank Benintendo, Bill Cannon, Yanni Kaloudis and Rand Pearsall). Frank Benintendo made a motion to build a planting box with vinyl siding and lighting as per the attached design to be installed by spring 2018, with a budget of \$500. If the budget is exceeded, Denise and Brian Tierney will pay the excess. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutson and unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BUDGET ANALYSIS

Bill Cannon submitted the attached 3 - page report and budget analysis. There are 310 members to date in 2017, a record number for the Association. The Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations (JCTA) membership for 2018 of \$100 (paid 12/11/2017) must be budgeted for 2018. End of the year balance is \$31,807. Bill also mentioned during his report because of accumulating cash in the bank that HTA should be initiating and supporting more community events. The HTAT also authorized prefund of several years of dues payments and charitable contributions, because of possible US tax policy changes. Frank Lowry made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Eileen Bowker and unanimously approved. Bill Cannon stated that Yanni Kaloudis will write the Tax Receipt letter to be sent in January which will highlight recent HTA activities.

For information purposes, the JCTA is a group of 10 LBI Taxpayers Associations that meets once per month to share ideas and to discuss and address issues common to all taxpayers on the island. Bill Hutson, HTA Trustee is currently President of the JCTA.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY

Yanni Kaloudis made a motion to nominate Frank Benintendo for 2nd Vice President and Frank declined the nomination. Marianne Hurley made a motion to nominate Eileen Bowker. The motion was seconded by Frank Benintendo and unanimously approved.

OFFICE OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Marianne Hurley made a motion to revise the Recording Secretary office and appoint Bob White as Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Eileen Bowker and unanimously approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob White presented a review of recent activities. Rand Pearsall was recognized for developing the on-line voting procedure, 71 members voted, 24% of members, during the August election. A February email will be sent to the current President, 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary by the Nominating Committee Chairman, requesting their intention of being a candidate for election of a 2-year term. The Committee will hold a March meeting, so the candidate slate can be announced at April HTAT meeting.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Tom Beaty reviewed general comments; current membership 310. Trustees requested Street Captains be appointed and a list provided at the April HTAT meeting. Mail box stuffers and HTA membership forms were also requested to be developed for use by Street Captains for early membership recruitment in 2018.

BY-LAWS

Eileen Bowker stated there will be a March meeting to discuss several By-law changes that need to be considered that have to do with the election process. Eileen will have an update at HTAT April meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Rand Pearsall reviewed current projects being considered; Township enforcement of boulevard and road safety driving, walking and biking. Suggestions to do painting on walking/bike lane ourselves. Incentive to acknowledge runners and walkers going in proper direction. Key program is communicating correct information to home owners and renters. Discussed packet being given to Real Estate Agents, posting HTA website. Will have additional information/ideas April HTAT meeting.

DUNE PLANTING

Dan Macone stated spring planting date will be May 19. He will determine beach crossovers to be planted. Bill Cannon suggested putting information in Tax Receipt letter that goes out in January about donations for Dune Planting. Yanni Kaloudis composes this letter. There was a discussion to consider quotes from Landscape Firms on dune grass planting. HTAT could give them publicity for helping with Dune Crossovers, maybe they would give HTA a very reasonable price for the publicity. Several Trustees suggested developing Marketing plans for Dune Planting at specific times each year, so it will be easier for residents to schedule their time on an annual basis. Also discussed was having food available for workers when work is completed; develop a social event atmosphere.

GREEN HEAD TRAPS

Bill Hutson reported 6 traps were destroyed by a disgruntled person at the southern end of Holgate. Traps were baited twice this year and damaged traps were replaced. Township picked up many traps for storage and some damaged. Signs that HTA had printed about purpose of traps and that they are supplied by HTA are now being attached to all traps.

AUDIT

Tom Beaty, Bill Cannon requested audit February/March.

INSURANCE

Bill Cannon reported HTAT quote to purchase D&O Insurance from Travelers Insurance Co. is \$656. for \$1M coverage. Bob White was asked to check with Lawyer and provide a copy of the NJ State law that requires Non-Profit Associations to have insurance. This will be further discussed at the April HTAT meeting.

AL VALLESE RESIGNATION

Dan Macone briefly explained his thoughts on Al Vallese's resignation from the HTA.

DEAD TREES

The following Beach Entrances have dead trees, Harding, Roosevelt and Pershing. It was decided HTAT will contact home owners about cutting down the dead trees to enhance the Dune Crossover plantings. If the trees are not on their property, the Township will be contacted to cut them down. This will be the responsibility of the Dune Planting Committee; Bob White will coordinate the project.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Rand Pearsall suggested HTAT start an Ad Hoc Marketing Committee, Rand will be Chairman, and members will be Art Levy, Frank Benintendo and Yanni Kaloudis. Their goal is to give guidance to the Membership Recruitment Committee, Internet Marketing website and News Letters to members and non-members. Focus on activity January, April and July. Yanni Kaloudis advised Holgate Update has 3,000 members and about 1,500 hits daily. It can also be helped by the Marketing Committee. Rand Pearsall will have update at the April HTAT meeting. Bill Cannon advised Yanni Kaloudis composes the January Tax Receipt letter which can be reviewed by the Marketing Committee before it is sent.

BENCHES SOUTH END PARKING LOT

Discussion to be scheduled for April HTAT meeting.

LITTLE EGG INLET DREDGING

Dan Macone attended the December 4th Commissioners Meeting and reported that mobilization for the dredging of the Little Egg Inlet began the day after Thanksgiving. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March. The sand dredged from the Inlet will be used to replenish the beaches from Ocean Street in Beach Haven south thru Holgate. The starting point in Holgate will be the terminal groin area to Pershing street. Bob White requested sand beach fill needs to be further north than Pershing and will follow up and make recommendation to Township.

TERMINAL GROIN HOLGATE

Dan reported that the Terminal Groin redesign (wooden jetty) is still under review. The plan has now been sent to Stevens Institute of Technology for review before the permitting process can begin. Mayor Mancini stated that there were two designs being considered. The first allows sand to pass under the structure and thus, requires a lot of maintenance. The second allows sand to pass over the top of the structure and the design allows some regulation of the amount of sand going over. Mayor Mancini stated that the National Wildlife Refuge is requesting a certain amount of sand flow to the Refuge each year as it has been determined that the nesting of the Piping Plovers is increased when there is a receding shoreline. The bidding process for the new groin is not expected to occur until the Fall of 2018. The Taxpayers of Long Beach Township will possibly bear 25% of its cost. Unfortunately, a significant amount of time will pass (beach erosion will continue to occur) from the completion of the beach replenishment and the completion of the groin.

PUMP STATION JANET ROAD

Bob White reported Andy Baran advised the Township is bidding the project in January 2018 and the project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the summer. Dan Macone was advised at the December 4th Commissioners Meeting the stones around the area including the parking lot on the west side of the tennis courts will be changed to a white, 3/4" crushed granite identical to what has been used at the 68th street bay beach parking lot. The walking path from Janet to West will be made crushed shells as was requested by the residents abutting the site. Bob White will follow up on start and completion date and the specifics the Township committed to for landscaping and fencing, plus inform Janet Road and the other abutting homeowners.

STREET ENDS REPAIRED

Dan Macone reported during the December 4th Commissioners Meeting Commissioner Bayard reported that P&A Construction was repairing and re-paving the trenches that had been dug for the sewer and water projects over the last year. The longer-term plan is to completely re-pave Long Beach Boulevard once the last water and sewer project is done. The repair of the half dozen or so intersections of the Boulevard and the side streets at the north end of Holgate is taking more time than anticipated as the County maintains the Boulevard and the Township maintains the side streets. Commissioner Bayard is continuing to work on this.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS HOLGATE

Bill Huston was contacted by Brant Beach that they had three Snow Flake lights they would sell HTA for \$625 per light. However, during the meeting, Bill was texted that the lights were to be used by Brant Beach and no longer were available. Bill reported Long Beach Township would install the lights, pay for the electric installation and the electricity to run them. After a discussion Bill Hutson made a motion to purchase six nautical designed lights, not to exceed \$4,000 (\$2,000 for 2017 and \$2,000 for 2018) for 2018 Holiday season to be installed in November 2018. HTAT will consider buying additional lights each year for the next few years. The motion was seconded by Eileen Bowker and unanimously approved. Dan Macone advised, subsequent to the Trustees meeting, he spoke with Kyle Ominski, Township Business Coordinator, to get pricing and possible pole locations for the installation. Update at April HTAT meeting.

RE-CLAM THE BAY

Eileen Bowker discussed the Re-Clam the Bay program and Clam trail. There are about 25 Clams installed on LBI and several mainland facilities. They support a good cause and have become a good draw for people taking pictures at the Clams and following the Clam trail. The cost is \$3,000 to buy the Clam and \$1,000 per year for each year to continue to display the Clam. HTA must also pay to have Clam painted and create design. Eileen will do some additional research and will discuss at April HTAT meeting.

UPDATES FROM DECEMBER 4TH COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Land Use Board meeting December 13th at 7:00 PM multi-purpose room.

Public meeting December 18th at 4:00 PM "Courtroom"

Mayor Mancini reported that Moody's has upgraded the Townships financial rating to AA1. This is the second highest rating and will allow the Township to borrow at the best possible rates.

Motion to adjourn, Bob White, second Bill Hutson. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.